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SUBJECT : VISIT OF MALAGASY FORNMIN TO GUINEA

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1. MALAGASY FORNMIN RATSIRAKA ARRIVED CONAKRY LATE AFTER-
NOON DEC 13 ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL FLIGHT AND WAS
MET BY PRIMEMIN AND SEVERAL OTHER MINISTERS, HONOR GUARD,
AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS WHOSE PRESENCE HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY
PROTOCOL OFFICE. SIMILAR UNUSUALLY HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT WAS
GIVEN THROUGHOUT VISIT WHICH INCLUDED TRIPS TO FRIGUIA
ALUMINUM AND BOKE BAUXITE PROJECTS DURING WHICH HE WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY PRIMEMIN AND FORNMIN, AS WELL AS SEVERAL
ORGANIZED CULTURAL EVENINGS. TWO MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT
SEKOU TOURE WERE ANNOUNCED. IN DECEMBER 15 REMARKS IN
RESPONSE TO TOURE'S PRAISE OF MALAGASY REVOLUTION, RATSIRAKA
RECIPROCATED BY DISCUSSING EXPANDING INTEREST OF AFRICAN
SOCIALIST STATES IN GUINEAN REVOLUTION, INCREASONG CAPA-
BILITY FOR COUNTRIES TO AID EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF SUCCESSFUL
PROGRAM OF LEADERS SUCH AS TOURE AND GENERAL RAMANANTSOA.
NO SPECIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAMS WERE ANNOUNCED DURING VISIT.
HONOR GUARD ALSO PRESENT FOR HIS DEPARTURE ON RK-006 DEC 15

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(DAKAR, NICE, PARIS).

2. COMMENTS: HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT OF RATSIRAKA WAS PROBABLY FOR GUINEAN REASONS, I.E., DESIRE TO EMPHASIZE CONTINUING VISITS BY SENIOR FOREIGN PERSONALITIES, SATISFACTION WITH RECENT NATIONALISTIC MALAGASY POLICIES, AND DID NOT REFLECT ANY GUINEAN INSIGHT INTO RATSIRAKA'S STATUS. RATSIRAKA COMMENTED TO ONE AMERICAN WHO WAS ON HELICOPTER FROM BOKE THAT GUINEANS HAD NOT INFORMED HIM OF THEIR PLANS FOR HIS VISIT BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL, AND HE WAS VISIBLY SURPRISED BY THE HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT ACCORDED HIM THROUGHOUT VISIT. TODMAN

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